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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO USDEL MTN GENEVA

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TAGS: EGEN, ETRD, RP, GATT

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS -- INFORMAL PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL
ON TIMING

1. AMBASSADOR WILFREDO VEGA CALLED ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR
AUG 14 TO REPORT THAT THE GOP PANEL NOW BELIEVES
THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS COULD BEGIN SHORTLY AFTER THE
FIRST OF THE YEAR. VEGA SAID THAT HE WAS CONVEYING THIS
PROPOSAL INFORMALLY, AND THAT HE HOPED FOR AN INFORMAL
REACTION. PROPOSAL WAS TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED FURTHER
WITH VEGA BEFORE HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS AUG 18 BUT
SCHEDULED MEETING FELL THROUGH.

2. VEGA DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE PANEL PROPOSAL HAD
BEEN VETTED ANY ANY HIGH LEVEL. RATHER HE SEEMED TO HOPE
FOR A U.S. REACTION BEFORE PUSHING IN HOUSE. VEGA
REQUESTED THAT WE INFORM HIM IN GENEVA OR BRUSSELS OF U.S.

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REACTION.

3. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR INDICATED THAT GIVEN REPORTED PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEVA AND OF ITC DELIBERATIONS WASHINGTON, THE SUGGESTED TIMING MAY BE PREMATURE. NONETHELESS, VEGA PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AND REACTION. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT REACTIONS COULD BE CONVEYED TO VEGA THROUGH U.S. MTN GENEVA.

4. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S THOUGHTS ON WHETHER VEGA'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE REALISTIC. SULLIVAN

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